concerned Central and State Government Departments/agencies and these maps are being improved upon. It may be noted that these maps are for addressing forest vegetative cover and are not for showing cultivated land, desert land and dry lands separately.

3. Mapping of wasteland for the entire country is being done by NRSA as a part of the work required for the National Wasteland Development Board. The survey results will attempt to delineate wasteland including undulating uplands which could be considered for dry crop and social forestry, and sandy areas including desert land.

Encouraging rural sports

1030. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any proposal to encourage rural sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Nehru Kendras in each State and Union Territory at present;

(d) whether Government have made a scheme to revamp the functioning of these kendras; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There is already in operation a scheme of Rural Sports Tournaments under which tournaments are held at Block, District, State and National levels. Rural sports centres have also been established for promotion of rural sports. Besides, Nehru Yuvak Kendras also encourage sports activities. In addition, there is also a scheme of grants to State Govts. State Sports Councils under which financial assistance is extended to them to promote sports and games by developing infrastructural facilities, *inter alia*, in rural areas.

(c) to (e) 199 Nehru Yuvak Kendras are operating in the country. A Statewise list of the Kendras is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXV, Annexure No. 26.] A new set of guidelines has been issued in this context laying stress on character building; development of culture and physical fitness. The financial allocation per Kendra has also been raised to Rs. 1.68 lakh from Rs. 1.22 lakh.

Allotment of shops in the shopping arcade at the Palam Airport Terminal

1031. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shops constructed in the shopping arcade of the Indira Gandhi Terminal at the Palam Airport;

(b) the manner in which these shops are proposed to be allotted and the date proposed for allotment;

(c) the different trades for which the shops have been ear-marked; and

(d) the revenue likely to be earned from these shops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Steps to improve working conditions of Government employees

1032. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking for improvement of working conditions of the employees; and

(b) whether Government have decided to introduce leave encashment for the employees?